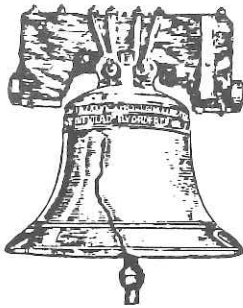


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A NEWSLETTER FOR LIBERTARIANS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA MIDLANDS

RON PAUL TO SPEAK IN COLUMBIA ON FEB. 4

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Auditorium, College of Business Administration
University of South Carolina

Ron Paul, the Libertarian candidate for President in 1988, will be in Columbia on Thursday, February 4. Dr. Paul has been invited by Students for America to be a guest speaker, and all interested persons are invited. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium in the basement of the College of Business Administration near Pendleton and Barnwell streets.

Paul, a physician from Lake Jackson, Texas, was nominated at the Libertarian National Convention last October. His running mate is Andre Marrou, who will probably be in Columbia in April.



TAX BILL UPDATE

The S.C. Libertarian Party is continuing its petition drive against the Local Government Finance Act (misnamed the Property Tax Reform Act by its supporters who don't want people to know they support a tax increase). So far this year, almost 5000 signatures have been gathered.

The Libertarian Party is the only political party that is totally opposed to the bill, which would allow counties to impose a 1 percent sales tax. On January 19, Libertarian Party activists Jan Chapman Morris and Geb Sommer spoke against the bill at a public hearing held by the Senate Finance Committee. They pointed out that taxes are too high and that county governments don't need any more money. Privatization can lead to better services and lower taxes, but county

governments are not interested in saving the taxpayers' money.

Also speaking against the bill were Jim Hatchell of the S.C. Merchants Association, John Wrisley of the Richland County Citizens for Tax Relief, and Jim Rayfield and Don Weaver of the S.C. Citizens for Efficient Government. They agreed with Libertarians that higher sales taxes will hurt the poor, elderly, and small retail businesses.

Hatchell had alerted Libertarians and others about the hearing, and this allowed almost 100 opponents of the bill to show up. Even though this bill is supported by numerous local government associations and the Chamber of Commerce, opponents of the bill outnumbered proponents at the hearing.

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TAX BILL UPDATE

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Some of those in favor of the bill backed down and hinted that they might settle for a greater property tax reduction than the bill calls for at present, but even if 100 percent of the sales tax increase goes to roll back property taxes, Libertarians will still oppose the bill. Property taxes are deductible, and sales taxes are not deductible, so many South Carolinians will pay more in federal and state income taxes if the bill passes. This will hurt the economy of the state and will destroy thousands of jobs.

Any way you look at it, the Local Government Finance Act is a bad idea. Please join our petition drive and write to the address on page 4 for petitions as soon as possible.

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SOMMER TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

On January 27, Geb Sommer, a Libertarian activist from Lexington, announced his candidacy for the Libertarian Party nomination for the 2nd District congressional seat. Sommer, 55, is an engineer at the AT & T Nassau plant. The Libertarian Party will choose its candidates at the State Convention in Columbia on April 9.

Sommer decided to run in order "to provide an alternative for all those who have had a choice only between the lesser of two evils." He plans to emphasize the principles of individual freedom, a free market economy, a noninterventionist foreign policy, and restrained government.

"I will never vote for a tax increase, ever - period!" I will work for lower taxes and less government spending. I will try my utmost to bring the boys home. Thomas Jefferson's "Peace, Commerce, and Honest Friendship with All Nations - Entangling Alliances with None" is the only pro-American foreign policy. I will try my utmost to get the government off your back. I will promote a society which encourages all people to make their own choices; that lets them live, love, work, and play their own way, at their own pace, however they wish, win or lose."

The GAZETTE will provide further coverage of Sommer's candidacy in future issues if he is nominated in April.

The State Convention will be held at the Town House in Columbia on April 9. While details have not been announced, it appears that guest speakers might include Andre Marrou (Libertarian Vice-Presidential candidate), Karl Hess (editor of LIBERTARIAN PARTY NEWS, a nationally known personality, and a fascinating speaker), John Wrisley (sound money and free market advocate who is a well-known local personality), Dr. James Stiver (a libertarian philosophy professor at U.S.C.), and Ron Holland (an investment advisor and analyst from N.C. who used to be active in the S.C.L.P.).

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"The current PR campaign for the U.S. Constitution is phoney," says Ron Paul, candidate for the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States.

"This superficial celebration, which covers up the government's total disregard for what the document says, is a mockery," said the former four-term Republican Congressman from Texas.

"Just a few of the present unconstitutional infringements on our rights are:

—the Federal Reserve System, which depreciates the paycheck and savings account of every American to benefit the bankers and the politicians;

—the IRS which forces us to bare our souls and then turn over a third to a half of our income to be wasted by the politicians;

—alleged anti-drug laws which result in street crime, federal attacks on financial privacy, and the unconstitutional confiscation of personal property;

—military intervention into the internal affairs of other nations;

—an imperial presidency which operates above the law;

—a corrupt federal judiciary which fails to uphold our rights;

—attacks on our right to freely leave and enter the U.S. without being searched;


—and infringements on our ability to peacefully trade with people in other countries without tariff taxes.

"It is impossible to imagine Thomas Jefferson filling out a 1040 form, George Washington sending troops to Vietnam or Nicaragua, James Madison defending fiat paper money and the Federal Reserve System, or Benjamin Franklin condoning deficit spending and transfer payments.

"Rather than heralding the Constitution as a historic document, shouldn't we demand adherence to it?"

"At the voting booth Americans supposedly have two choices. But thanks to the Republicrat monopoly, neither major party respects our Constitution. That is why I am running for President of the United States on the Libertarian Party ticket. I want to see the Constitution celebrated and observed every day, not just every two hundred years."

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The \$340 rental fee is due in three weeks, and the Lexington County Libertarian Party must raise \$180 right away in order for the L.P. to have a booth this fall. Please help by sending as much as you can - just use the form and send your contribution to the L.C.L.P. Fair Booth Fund. Thanks for your support!

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Debt or Liability	Federal Obligation	Your share
Public debt	\$2,078,700,000,000	\$24,455
Accounts payable	235,652,000,000	2,772
Undelivered orders	560,043,000,000	6,589
Long term contracts	13,563,000,000	160
Credit guarantees	662,244,000,000	7,791
Insurance commitment	2,659,067,000,000	31,283
Annuity programs	6,892,000,000,000	81,082
Unadjudicated claims: international commitments, other	73,386,000,000	863
TOTAL	\$13,174,655,000,000	\$154,995

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Source: National Taxpayers Union, 325 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003

The National Headquarters of the Libertarian Party has moved to Washington, D.C. The new address is: 1528 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003. The address of Ron Paul for President is: 1120 Nasa Blvd., Suite 104, Houston, Texas 77058.

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